

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 16, with the following paragraph:

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In addition to the angle of inclination of the top faces 46 of the support block and correspond bit holder surfaces. The bit holder bore 24 is positioned more aft from the central axis N-N as seen in Figure 2a than prior art bit holder bores. Approximately, a 75% portion of the length of said bit holder bore is positioned generally aft of the central vertical axis N-N in order to locate the cutting tip of the cutter tip closer to the central axis N-N of the support block. The bit holder bore location results in the cutting tool 16 tip location being positioned more towards the aft and closer to the central axis N-N. The closer that the extreme tip of the cutting tool is to the support block central axis N-N the shorter the effective moment arm about the central axis. Hence the torques applied to the bit holder are limited and hence the resulting wear caused by movement of the bit holder against the support block is reduced. In combination the further aft location of the cutting tool and the angled top faces of the support block substantially reduce the torque applied to the cutting tool and the resulting yaw. The reduced yaw of the bit holder results in extended life of the bit holder and support block.